

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of William Hall S6944

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Virginia }

Tazwell [sic]: Tazewell County }

On this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Circuit Superior court of the county of Tazwell William Hall a resident of Virginia in the county of Tazwell aged eighty four or eighty five years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in May 1774 with Walter Crockett and [illegible word], (that he does not recollect the regiment to which he was attached) under the follow[ing] named officers Andrew Lewis was the head commander, Walter Crockett the Captain, John Draper Lieutenant, and he thinks William Simpson was the ensign, the campaign was called the Shawnee Campain, that he was a resident of the county of Montgomery when he enlisted, and that he was discharged in September 1775 at the mouth of the Kennawhaw river at a place called the point [sic: Kanawha River at Point Pleasant], by Capt. Walter Crockett, that during his first term of enlistment he was in no battle. That he enlisted a second time under Captain John Shelton in Fauquier County Virginia in the month of October 1775 and served under General [William] Woodford the head commander, Elias Edmunds Lieutenant, and Willis Green the ensign, that he was marched from thence to Williamsburg, and from thence to the Long Bridge, ten miles from Norfolk, where he was in the battle of the Long Bridge, when the Brittish were commanded by General Fordice [sic: Battle of Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775, against troops under Captain Charles Fordyce] who commanded the fourteenth regiment, as he discovered by the stamp on their military buttons, that he was sent together with a certain John Douglas, in July 1775 by Captain William Russle [sic: William Russell] to the Shawnee towns with certain dispatches to inform the indians, who was in future to treat with them, instead of Dunmore who had been superceded [see endnote], where he remained about eighteen days, and then returned to the Point, which was during the first campaign, that he was marched back from the Long Bridge to Fauquier C. House and discharged there by Capt. John Shelton in June 1776, that all his discharges have been by time and accident lost or mislaid. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state, or, if any only in that of the agency of the State of Virginia Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid He also states that in May 1777 he was sent out as an Indian Spy by Colo. [William] Christian, that he remained on said duty about seven or eight months from the Rye Cove of Clinch [River] westward, and Powels V [sic: Powell Valley] the Turkey Cove &c. [in present Scott County] all of which has been sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

William hisXmark Hall

State of Virginia }

Tazwell County }

This day Low Brown [pension application S5299] a witness aged seventy five or six years, appeared in open court and after being duly sworn, states that he is will acquainted with William Hall the above applicant, and that he enlisted at the same time with the said Hall and served with him in the regular service, and was discharged at the same time when he the said William Hall was discharged, that he was in the battle at the Point, Shawnee Battle [Battle of Point Pleasant], on the 10 day of October 1774 and that the said William Hall arived at the battle ground on the night after with all the rest of the Fincastle troops, sworn to and subscribed in open court this 18th Septer 1832 Low hisXmark Brown

Virginia }
Tazwell County }

On this 20 day of May 1833 William Hall again personally appeared in open court, the County Court of Tazwell County, it being a court of record having power to fine and imprison, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith by way of amendment to his declaration formerly made in the circuit Superior court of Law & chancery for this county and by him sworn to and subscribed on the 25 day of September 1832 and which said declaration is appended, and accompanies this affidavit, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, mentioned in his said first declaration as an indian spy, but according to [the] best of his recollection he served not less, on that to[ur] of duty as a private, eight months, beginning [page damaged] May 1777 and ending in January 1778, and that he served the second term of his enlistment mentioned in his first declaration above refered to, as a private under the officers [illegible word] named, not less than eight months, to wit, from October 1775 until June 1776 as herein stated, and for such service, as well as the first term of service mentioned in the said first declaration to wit, from the 19 April 1775 until September 1775 (the said 19 April 1775 being the time beyond [sic: before] which no claim can be made for service) I claim a pension.

William hisXmark Hall

NOTE: In the autumn of 1774 the Royal Governor, John Murray, Lord Dunmore, and Chief Cornstalk signed the Treaty of Camp Caroline. Cornstalk and Dunmore's agents were to meet at Fort Pitt in August 1775 to reaffirm the treaty, but in the meantime the Revolutionary War had begun. Hall's mission was to deliver expresses informing the Shawnees that they would not be dealing with Lord Dunmore, who was finally driven out of Virginia early in 1776.